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Summary

This bill would appropriate an unspecified amount of money to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for grants to foundations, community development financial institutions, and other partner organizations to assist small- to medium-sized meat and poultry processors with hiring and training new employees.

Partner organizations would provide eligible meat and poultry processing employees up to \$10,000 in the form of tuition reimbursement, sign-on bonuses, child care stipends, and other related benefits. The employees of a meat or poultry processing business could collectively receive no more than \$50,000. MDA would be required to prioritize partner-organization applicants that work in partnership with Minnesota state colleges and universities.